

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v. )

Case No. 21-cr-00286-BAH

GRADY DOUGLAS OWENS, )  
Defendant. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

**REPLY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT GRADY OWENS’  
MOTION FOR REVOCATION OF DETENTION ORDER**

*One Second* - that is how long Grady Owens had to realize that the massive dark figure who surprised him from behind and forcibly grabbed his arm was a police officer.



(Screenshot taken from Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officer C.B.'s Body Worn Camera (BWC) video at 13:59:59 on January 6, 2021; Entire video is Exhibit A - Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer M. Rozzoni has kindly agreed to submit this video to the Court via USAFx).

This picture captures the moment that Officer C.B. pushed two men into Grady and grabbed Grady's left arm with his black gloved hands. Officer C.B. used force against Grady while he cradled the skateboard to his chest and *before* Grady could defend himself. Grady instinctively used his skateboard as a protective shield against an unknown threat. We respectfully submit to this Honorable Court that such a spontaneous and defensive act does not meet the level of predictive dangerousness required under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g) for pretrial detention.

Unlike other defendants charged with assaulting the police, Grady did not target Officer C.B. Grady did have good reason to be nervous due to the numerous individuals clad in body armor with weapons who were not law enforcement. The most obvious police markings were on Officer C.B.'s back. But no evidence demonstrates that Grady ever saw the officer's back.

It is quite evident from the BWC videos filed by both counsel that people on the West Lawn of the Capitol were upset by the sudden arrival of MPD's Civil Disturbance Unit. But after his unexpected contact with Officer C.B., Grady did not fight him or any other officer. He was clearly in a state of shock and, yes, gave full expression to his emotional and physical distress.

Officer C.B.'s BWC video covers about 52 minutes from 1:53 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.. His contact with Grady occurred at 2 p.m. Officer C.B. did not lose consciousness, become

incapacitated or receive medical attention thereafter on the video.<sup>1</sup> Officer C.B. did engage in several violent encounters *after* his contact with Grady (*Id.* at 14:02:00; 14:04:00; 14:04:12; 14:04:30; and 14:04:49). It is telling that the government's response makes no mention of Officer C.B.'s injuries, and no medical records have been provided in discovery.

In his detention ruling, Magistrate Judge Irick began with the § 3142(g)(1) factor - nature and circumstances of the offense charged: “First is the defendant’s personal conduct. I boil that down to the fact that the defendant struck a law enforcement officer with a weapon *so violently that it caused a concussion* to that law enforcement officer...” (Gov’t Response Ex. 1 at 22; ECF No. 14-1; emphasis added). This profound judicial finding about Grady’s alleged violent conduct, that kept him in jail for over a month, now has no factual basis.

This chaotic split second event does not suppress a lifetime of peaceful conduct. With the addition of 10 more letters (Exhibit B), we now have 33 authentic accounts from family and friends who love and support Grady. They provide the Court with ample weight under § 3142(g)(3)(A) to measure Grady’s history and characteristics. These voices confirm Grady’s gentle and helpful nature. Combined with his lack of *any* criminal record this steadfast support for Grady strongly points to release.

We submit that the government cannot meet its burden under § 3142(f) to prove by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community. Because “(i)n our society liberty is the norm, and detention prior to trial or without trial is the carefully limited exception.” *United States v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739, 755 (1987).

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<sup>1</sup> Officer C.B. did receive water for his eyes from fellow officers at 14:11:33 and 14:13:36 after being exposed to an unknown irritant. And he put on a gas mask at 14:24:48. *Id.*

Counsel is working with Pretrial Services Officer Christine Schuck to review and approve a potential residence for home detention and GPS monitoring in the Western District of Texas. Officer Schuck is also in the process of clearing a third party custodian if that is a suitable option. We expect to have these tasks completed by the hearing on May 10th. Counsel has also confirmed that Grady's Mother Shannon Owens is available to fly to Orlando and escort Grady by return flight to Austin so he can report directly to the Pretrial Services Office and then travel to the Court-approved residence.

Wherefore, we ask this Court to revoke the detention order and release Grady Owens to an assigned residence with conditions in Blanco, Texas and Courtesy Supervision by the Pretrial Services Office in the Western District of Texas - Austin Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of May 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing pleading with the Clerk of Court using the CM / ECF system, which will send an electronic notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

                    /s/                      
Pat Munroe Woodward, Jr., Esq.  
Counsel for Mr. Owens

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Honorable Beryl A. Howell  
Chief Judge  
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333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

My name is Andrea L. Eddy, and I am the Children's Pastor at Community Bible Church Bulverde (CBCB) in Spring Branch, TX. I reside in Spring Branch with my family and have also been a nurse for 25 years. My husband Jim and I have 3 children and 2 grand children so far. We are transplants to Texas, moving here in 2013 from Illinois. CBCB is where I had the pleasure of meeting the Owens family. This family is truly incredible, and I do not say that lightly. Shannon and Jason are Grady's parents, and they are upstanding citizens who serve our community and live faithfully with strong moral compasses. I realize that we are examining Grady and his person, but I feel it is important to show you the big picture of where he comes from also.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you a glimpse of Grady Owens character and his core values. I met Grady when he was 13 years old, in youth group at our church with my daughter Alexandra. He was a lanky pre-teen with a ready smile and a thoughtful approach to life. Our "Ally" was a little shy and Grady was so inviting to her and helped to make her feel at ease. I run all things that are kids in our church, so I had ample opportunities to see and experience Grady and his interactions with others. Grady was always helpful and kind. He volunteered in kids ministry and in large events like VBS. As he grew, he became a talented musician and singer. Grady used these talents for good, playing almost every weekend in our worship band. He loves the Lord, and has always been bold in his proclamation of following Christ.

Grady has been raised with strong morals, and has been led by example by his loving family. Mom and Dad also served in our Worship ministry, serving every weekend mind you. If I came in from the parking lot, carrying a big box, Grady would be the one who would stop everything to come over and help Miss Andrea. That is huge example of his strength of character, and the core goodness of his heart. He is amazing big brother to Max, ~~Max~~, ~~Max~~ and ~~Max~~, helping to rear them all by loving patience and direction. Three of his siblings have been adopted into this awesome family, and Grady was always accepting of them. Literally never skipping a beat, they all decided to embrace the unique opportunity that America offers. The Owens have selflessly decided to change the trajectory of these foster kids, to become a part of the solution.

In Texas, there are over 30,000 kids in the foster system alone. This is the kind of example Grady has grown up with. He has been exposed to people serving people, and putting the needs of others in front of your own.

Our youngest son just turned 19, so I have a lot of experience with teenage boys as well, am currently living it. I know Grady just turned 21, but it has not been all that long ago that he was a teenager. Grady filled his teenage years with music, serving his community, and participating in mission trips with our daughter. I am in no way excusing any accountability needed regarding this current situation, and nor am I weighing in on your weighty decision. Praise you for discernment and wisdom, I will ask for mercy regarding the brain and choices of a teenage boy right? They are bombarded with so much and this social media epidemic brings forth so many challenges, that we did not have to contend with. What I can address is Grady's compassionate heart and his ability to do good for society. This young man is exceptional, he has a bright future to change the world with his music and his passion, if given the chance.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts regarding Grady's future, it truly means so much to our church family and community. I would vouch for this young man, without hesitation. He is an honest man, knows his Savior and is peaceful. I would allow him to babysit my grandsons and teach them music, that is saying a ton. His character and core value is intact, I am certain. He is a good young man who has made a poor choice, please hear my heart. Feel free to contact me if you have any other questions/concerns.

Respectfully,

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Re: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

It is with deep regret that we find our friend Grady Owens in this situation.

My family has known Grady and his family since the fall of 2013. Our son has participated in several school and other organized activities with Grady. They were in the Boy Scouts of America together along with other positive formative activities.

Grady is a very talented young man. He served at a Christian based couples retreat along with his parents Jason and Shannon a few years back by providing music for the worship services. My husband and I also helped organize and serve at this event. Grady has been involved at his church in Bulverde, Tx in many ways. He has contributed not only to his church's music program, been on mission trips and helped with service activities but he has also served in similar ways to the Blanco community and the Blanco schools & their programs.

I do not know the facts surrounding the current matter. I do know that Grady is a part of loving, Christian family who loves and supports him. He is also a part of a community here in Blanco that truly cares about his wellbeing and future. As the facts are presented and the Owens family goes through this terrible scenario. I pray that we all consider everyone involved. I pray that we try and remember what it was like to be 21 years old. I pray for the police officer and for the court. I pray for grace, understanding and softened hearts. As a mother, I especially pray for Shannon.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I acknowledge your difficult task here and pray for you as well.

Sincerely,

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April 28, 2021

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RE: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

As Scoutmaster for Grady for his Scouting tenure I had many opportunities to work with him and see him in his interactions with others. I was an older Scoutmaster, in my 70's now, and have worked with Scouts for many years. My background is in Computer Technology, hardware, software, and management. Including 20 years of starting and growing by own software company. I am now a director of application development for a major building materials company.

Grady is the reason for this letter. To lend additional information as to his character and background.

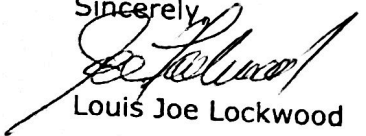
I have known Grady since he was 14, when he joined Scouting. While most of my contact with him has been with the troop I have also had additional contact during other activities in our community. First, I have found him a most gracious and respectful person. Always, "sir" and "ma'am", and "please" and "thank you". A great starting point to get along with others. And he always did get along with others. And always ready to help with whatever activity he was involved in. Market days, Leo Club and Blanco clean up for example.

During Scouting activities he was always anxious to learn, but more importantly, he was anxious to help. As he progressed in rank he would help new Scouts as they began to learn. How to pitch a tent, tie knots and Scout respect. He was our troop Chaplain for over a year. Not only providing prayers for our activities but asking other Scouts to do the opening and closing prayers to prepare them for running a troop meeting. After Chaplain he was a Patrol Leader, continuing the Scouting goal of learning leadership.

I suppose I could write a lot about Grady. He has many good points to work with. He is polite to everyone and is ready to reach out and help at any opportunity. Perhaps the best thing is that he has made the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Slogan who he is. "help other people at all times", "morally straight", "Reverent".

I hope this description of Grady will show you the kind and good person he is.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Louis Joe Lockwood



Dear Chief Judge Howell,

My name is Dennis Garrett and I lived in Blanco Texas up until last year. I have known the Owens family including Grady since he was a freshman in high school. I worked for the Blanco County Sheriffs Dept for 6 years as a corporal. I also mentored high school boys in a Young Life program. I have been on a couple vacations with the Owens family including Grady over the years and am very close to them. Grady has always been a pillar in the community, school and church. He was very interested and gifted when it came to his political science class and government class in high school. His character is strong, morals and integrity are both well grounded in my opinion. I do not know what happened in this case because I was not there. I was shocked to hear about the charges to say the least. This does not sound like something he would ever do in any circumstance. I ask that you would consider his past when looking at this case. I am sure whatever happened that day he has learned a great deal from and sending him to an institution for any length of time would do more damage than good. If you have any questions for me please feel free to contact me @ 830-822-3902.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Garrett

April 29th, 2021

The Honorable Beryl A. Howell  
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Re: Grady Douglas Ownes, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

My name is Alexandra F. Ortman, and I am a part time student at Northeast Lakeview College, and a full time Pre Kindergarten assistant aide teacher at Bracken Christian School. I am 20 years old and am going to college to get a degree in elementary education. I currently reside in Spring Branch, TX. My husband is an A1C in the United States Airforce and is serving in Kuwait. I am living with his family until his deployment is over in August, but we are stationed in Abilene, Tx. My husband and I are Christians, and we met Grady through our high school youth group. We go to church at Community Bible Church Bulverde (CBCB) and I have been attending since 2013. Grady is an amazing friend and I am so blessed to have him in my life.

The purpose of this letter is to show you the amazing impact Grady has on his friends, family, church, city, and world.

I met Grady when I was 13 and had just moved to Texas. To be completely honest I was having a hard time making friends at church and school. Moving across the country in 8th grade for my dad's job was very hard. His mom, Shannon, and my mom worked together at church. At the time, we were too young to drive and were always stuck at church for hours and hours! We became fast friends and he is so kind, honest, loving, and gentle. He was super goofy and could always make all the staff worker's kids laugh. Grady truly helped me through a very hard time in my life. He always included me and brought all the kids together.

Grady has a fantastic family that loves and serves the Lord every day of their lives. Even in this heartbreaking time I still see his mom worshiping, trusting, and loving God at church on Sundays. His parents have both served in multiple ministries for years at CBCB. Our church

believes in serving the community around us and the Owens family is a big part of that. Grady is a great big brother, he loves his siblings so much. I hate the thought of him not being with his family.

CBCB is a family and the community at our church is amazing. Grady was and is a huge part of that. A lot of schools give ropes at graduation if you have a certain amount of community service hours, you could not even count the amount of service hours he has if you tried. This kid loves God and he pours out his love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. He loves people, it does not matter if they go to the same church or school, if they live in the same town or country, I have seen him make friends with people who do not speak a word of English. Grady was on the worship team all through high school, and volunteered in the Kids Ministry almost every weekend. One of my favorite things we do at CBCB is vacation bible school (VBS), I always loved serving with Grady every summer. He has an amazing heart for music and I pray he gets the chance to bring more people closer to God with his gift. Even when he was at college he would come back and play sometimes. He is a loved member of our church.

Grady has an impact on Spring Branch and its surrounding areas. We volunteered at Church Under the Bridge (CUB) together in high school. CUB is an amazing organization that CBCB partners with to feed the homeless in San Antonio. He also volunteered at multiple events put on by CBCB, that are open to the public. In June we helped with Sunglasses and Snowcones, where we kicked off summer and helped raise money for our outreach programs. In October we would help pass out candy at Trunk or Treat. If Grady wasn't setting up, running games, playing music, or breaking down at these events you could find him taking care of his siblings.

The world is a better place because of Grady Owens. I went on a mission trip to Guatemala in the summers of 2016 and 2017 with Grady. I learned a lot about Grady's character on these trips. I got to hear his heart, how much he loves God, music, adventure, family, and his friends. I got to see how hard he works. Both summers we built 3 houses for families that had nothing. We built gardens, painted schools, helped in elderly homes, built desks and other school supplies, put on VBS, taught kids, loved on people, tried overcoming language barriers, and lots more. I saw Grady give 100% of himself to others. Even when he was tired because we hadn't slept more than four hours, or hungry because the food may or may not be safe.... He had a great attitude and outlook on life. On a mission trip with 50 teenagers there is bound to be some drama! Grady was always a peacemaker and someone who would listen to anyone who needed a friend. Grady



was always the first to try things. He was never afraid to be different or silly. He would lead worship at 16 for a room of 60+ people! After our trips we would all miss being together and he would make sure everyone came to the summer hang outs. Grady leads his life as a great example to others.

I say all this because I want people to see the true Grady, my friend, a great brother, a loving son, and a servant to others. I hope that my letter helps people see the kid I know, and not the one bad choice that is ruining his life. He has a great set of morals and values that is far beyond his very young age. Thank you for listening and I hope that it is very clear that Grady has a bright future ahead of him.

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RE: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

Hello, my name is Stephanie Bezinque. I am 44 years old and live in Blanco, Texas. I am a wife and mom of four children. I am also a Real Estate Agent. Prior to working as a Realtor, I was a High School Counselor. My biggest goal in life is to honor God first and help my children get to Heaven.

I am writing this letter on behalf of Grady Douglas Owens. The Owens family are my clients but before that they are my friends. I think very highly of each of them, they are well known in our community and very well respected by all. Grady is no exception. He is a wonderful young man who puts God first and strives to serve the Lord in every aspect of his life. He especially seeks to serve by giving of his time and his talents. He and his mother, Shannon led worship at a local Marriage Retreat that my husband and I attended a couple of years ago. He chose to spend his weekend to serve us and ultimately serve the Lord. He has been involved in many aspects of our community, including Boy Scouts, Mission trips with his church, church camps, Vacation Bible School, among many other things.

I pray this letter will give you some insight into what kind of young man Grady really is. He is kind, loving, hard-working, dedicated to serving others, loyal, respected by others, God-honoring, with the upmost character. He comes from amazing stock! His mom and dad are wonderful people who serve others in so many ways, adopted children from another country who would otherwise have grown up in an orphanage. As the oldest child in his family, Grady helped them with his younger siblings. He seeks to be in the ministry so that he can share the love of Christ with others. He loves all people, no matter where they come from, what they believe, what color they are. He was shown that example in his home daily. I pray truth prevails and Grady will be set free so he can live the life he was intended to live on this Earth. Thank you so very much for your time and for all that you do for our country. May God Richly Bless You, Judge Chief Howell.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Smith Bezinque



The Honorable Beryl A. Howell  
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Re: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

My name is Jim Eddy I'm 52 years old, a supervisor at Greene Tweed Inc. for over 6 years with 20 years in management in manufacturing. I was the volunteer coordinator at Community Bible Church Bulverde (CBCB) for over 7 years, just stepping down in January. And I've been a mentor for a St. Jude teen for the last 2 years.

I'm writing to provide the court with a personal, positive, hopeful character reference about my dear friend Grady for the court to consider.

I met Grady while he was volunteering on our worship team and we have had several conversations while eating doughnuts between services in the church kitchen. I can confirm he has been lighthearted, trustworthy and respectful whenever I've been with him. He has an amazing family and Church that love him and will support him through this. My hope and prayer is that you will give him a second chance and grant him mercy. I am sure that this young man will be a great contributor and member of our society once again given a chance.

Sincerely,

James (Jim) D. Eddy

The Honorable Beryl A. Howell  
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Re: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

I first met Grady at a new stage in my life, just moving hundreds of miles from where I always called home, to pursue higher education in winter park Florida. We had instantly hit it off due to our similar past, volunteering as a live production technician in churches for several years, as well as other various shared interest. During these times Grady had always been a source of joy for me, so much so that my roommate and I let him live in our apartment with us for a number of months. In these months I got to really know Grady. He had always had a positive mind set, even when down, always looking for the positive side of an outcome. Grady is a very giving person, throughout all the time ive known him, If I had ever needed help or anything he would always say yes without hesitation. As hurricane Dorian approached Florida in august of 2019, and my non-Floridian anxiety rose, I began to look for an escape and at that Grady offered that we drive through the night to his hometown of Blanco Texas. During this trip I got the opportunity to get know Grady more and more by being graciously hosted by his entire family for 4 days and meeting some of his best childhood friends, whom had nothing but positive words to say when telling old story's about their pasts together. By the end of this trip we had spent a total of 6 days together, crammed in a small car driving across the states, and at no point did I ever get sick of it. I look back at this trip as one of my fondest memories to come from my time at full sail. Now almost two years after this, I still consider Grady one of my closest friends, and best golf partners, that ive gotten the chance to grow along side with, and I hope that soon we may be able to continue again.

Sincerely,

Tyler Sadel

**The Honorable Beryl A. Howell  
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**Re: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH**

**Dear Chief Judge Howell:**

**I would like to start out by saying that I am not writing to plead Grady's innocence. I was not present during the incident so I can not speak of that event. What I am here to say is what I know about Grady's character.**

**I have been a family friend of the Owen's for six years. We met during the 2015 flood in Blanco, Texas when we all volunteered to help flood victims in our small community and soon became members of the same church. In the years that I have known Grady, he has been nothing but respectful, honest, and trustworthy.**

**Grady is a talented musician who not only was in his high school band but also stood on the church stage along with his mother and others, many weekends during worship. Not only do his siblings look up to him but so do the children at church along with my own children.**

**Innocent or guilty, in my opinion this has been a teachable experience and despite the circumstances, I believe that he possesses the inclination and determination to learn from this and move in a more positive direction with his life.**

**Grady has a large support system not only in his close-knit family but also with his friends and church family.**

**Please consider my words prior to passing any judgments.**

**Sincerely,**

**Tawnya Reed**



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Re: Grady Douglas Owens, 21-cr-00286-BAH

Dear Chief Judge Howell:

Grady and I have been friends ever since he first moved to Blanco. With me a Senior and Grady an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, our parents met at Home Depot and we promptly became the best of friends. This wasn't 100% coincidental, as Grady is one of the most caring, entertaining people I've come across in my life. Our friendship has always seemed like a weird match, with Grady and his family being largely conservative while I myself align with much Marxist ideology. Even though our political opinions made us seemingly polar opposites, half the fun I have had with Grady has consisted of thinking up political situations, talking about it from multiple sides, and, calmly and intellectually discuss the pros and cons of all sides.

My relationship with Grady is the longest-lasting relationship I have today. He would never get mad, and we never hurt the other's feelings. We spent a lot of time together in Scouts BSA Troop #497, and Grady was always by my side, from helping paddle our canoe when picking up trash from the river to acting as a respectful, disciplined colour guard at various scouting, and non-scouting events. There is no way I would be an Eagle Scout today without him being there to have fun with, cheering me up when I'm depressed, and lending a listening ear for \*anything\* I needed to talk about. I'm proud to consider Grady Douglas Owens my closest friend, and have never seen Grady with anything other than outstanding character; quite frankly, I find the thought impossible to imagine. With extended family in the police force, Grady has always held belief that Blue Lives Matter, and would go out of his way to argue for the police when others would talk against them. He always sees the good in someone, and if it is there, they'd likely become friends. His friend group has been filled with other people who are wonderful and caring and sweet, and I believe that says a lot about him.

Throughout high school, Grady would never get mad or worked up. He never fought, the most violent thing I've ever bear witness to was squishing one of the stinging Asp caterpillars at one of our small town of Blanco's automotive meets. Grady always loved automotive machines, and would frequently (2-3 days a week) be over at our friend Zach Rogers huddled under his Yamaha 250CC dirt bike, rebuilding engines, replacing tires, putting custom decals or retrofitting aftermarket performance modifications, as he knew it was never fun doing any of that alone. Throughout the dozens of hours Grady has spent helping various friends with their bikes, he has of course never asked for a cent, and yet would come over on a dime if anyone asked for help.

As one of Grady's closest friends, I firmly believe he had the characteristics of any good Scout; he is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. He's never broken a promise between us, has always been loyal to his morals, and never complains when asked to do anything, even clearing cedar for his father in over 100-degree Fahrenheit weather for 6 hours a day all weekend right before going back to university in Florida. He is kind and treats everyone equally, regardless of their race, sex, socioeconomic class, or reputation if he could see

around it. He gave many people second chances, and I have seen them grow through having such a caring friend. He is obedient when called upon, and never have I seen him without a smile on his face. We'd go thrifting to help the environment as second hand clothes waste less energy and clean water than buying new. He has never been afraid to stand up for people or do the right thing or lead prayer even when it was awkward or risked making him look a fool.

Grady Douglas Owens has been a large factor in making me who I am today, and I will always appreciate the sacrifices he has made in his personal life to help his friends and peers. He has made my life better in every aspect, teaching me a lot on how to stay calm and collected, and ways to manage life when it seems out of control. He has made the world around me a better place, encouraged me to create friends with different beliefs, and has brought hundreds if not thousands joy through his constant acts of selflessness, constantly volunteering in the city or going in mission trips with his church. Without him, society lacks a valuable member whose character, initiative, and talent will waste away.

Sincerely,

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